

Memorandum

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To : Honorable Mary D. Nichols
Secretary for Resources
The Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1311
Sacramento, California 95814

From : Department of Water Resources

Subject : Sites Reservoir and Alternative Investigation

Attached is a revised proposal to continue the critical studies for the North of the Delta Offstream Storage Program in fiscal year 1999-2000. This proposal requests \$4.8 million in General Funds and is revised to incorporate CALFED's Integrated Storage Investigation, suggested by Patrick Wright.

A number of environmental studies were initiated last spring to evaluate the environmental feasibility of the Offstream Storage Alternatives. Many of these studies require at least two consecutive years of data gathering to complete. This proposal funds specific environmental data collection and evaluation studies, and limited engineering studies.

With these completed studies, decision makers can evaluate the impact of Offstream Storage and decide whether or not to proceed with the planning process. With your approval, we will prepare a Budget Change Proposal for fiscal year 1999-2000.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Naser Batani, Chief of the Department of Water Resources' Northern District, at (530) 529-7342.



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Attachment